Newes from
SMITH
THE
OXFORD JAYLOR.
WITH THE

Arraignment of *Mercurius Aulicus*, who is ſentenced to ſtand in the Pillory three Market dayes, for his notorious Libelling againſt State and Kingdome.

London, Printed for *J. B.* 1645.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY
1
APR
1925
OXFORD

Newes from SMITH the *OXFORD* Taylor.

GENTLEMAN:

Apraine *Smith* what newes is this that's ſtiring now in Court?

Smith. Newes ſaid you, I heare of none to day.

Gent. I heard an inkling the laſt night, which makes me bold to inquire of you if there were any that's certaine, you would heare it, I hope you are not offended.

Smith. Sir you are miſtaken in me, I am not ſo ſoone offended unleſſe it be with thoſe *Round-heads* I have in cuſtody, when they never leave bawling at me for bread and water, or to have a peeping hole, whereby to have the benefit of our *Oxford* aire yet Heaven knowes I have been ſo much uſed to it, as I have ſtopped my eares with a little hard heartedneſſe and let them call til their Soules fly to another World: I thinke I do them a better deed then to releeve them with ſome ſmall pittance to keep them alive til they have gained their own Liberty. But by this meanes I have gained a diviliſh many of curſes, both of the Fatherleſſe and Widdowes. And now I talke of women it brings into my mind ſome newes I heard laſt night, which is the worſt that ever came to *Oxford*, (unleſſe the bumbaſting news which came from *Yorke*, where we were beaten black and blew) but I will not tell it you unleſſe you will ſweare damnably you will not report it againe, as from me for tis keept mighty ſecret as yet it is concerning *Mercurius Aulicus* that renowned *Oxonian* (though a blaſphemous and lying Pamphleteer) certainly you know him, tis he that writ of the Victories, that were obtained againſt the *Round-Heads* at *Edghill*, *Lands-downe*, and *Toghill*, *Arundell-Caſtle*, *Charington-downe* and *Yorke*, I will whiſper this in his eare

That at neither of theſe places we did not loſe above one hundred men for their one man. Wherefore I conceive they were very remarkable victories, & he choſe the moſt remarkable day in all the weeke for the ſtudying of his newes (by reaſon he could not ſo aptly ſtudie untruths of no other day then that whereon he ſhould be doing God better ſervice.) But alas, poore *Aulicus* is utterly ruinated, although he had a very ſignificant title of the winged God and Court Meſſenger, for diſperſing lyes with ſuch winged ſpeed through the kingdome; yet for his ambition, in aſpiring above his reach, he is now with *Icarus* falne, ſilenc't by *Britanicus*, his body ſeized, and eſtate and Librarie ſequeſtred, to be diſpoſed for charitable uſes, to the two forrein Princes, *Rupert* and *Maurice*, towards the maintenance of our blood-thirſtie p'undering Religion, to the new Lord *Iermyn*, the Lo: *Cottington* and the Lo: *Digby*, and our valiant *Welch* and ſore oppreſſed *Corniſh* ſouldiers, to the end they may ſtoutly withſtand his Maieſties faithfull ſubiects who ſtand for his Parliament ſitting at *Weſtminſter*, & not endure that our curſed Hierarchie be brought to predeſtinated and deſerved ſhame and ignominie. Prince *Ruperts* ſhare in this benevolence, ſhall be payd to his Doctor for the Antidote he gave him to purge his luxurious body, and comfort his drooping ſpirit on the day of *York* b tell; and two of the pamphlets (for him and his brother *Maurice*) which *Aulicus* writ in praiſe of their victories, to carry with them to *Venus* ſhrine in *Venice*, to ſhew their Ladies of pleaſure when they are baniſhed this Kingdome: The very abſtracted quinteſſence of all his *Mercuries*, to that politique Head & *Hiſpaniolized* Lord *Don Diego Cottington*, whoſe caſt-downe looks tell us there is ſome fine *Spaniſh* trick hatching, to which the whore of *Babylon* ſhal be Mother. For the new-made Lord *Iermyn*, here is no game

for

for ſuch Cock-Sparrowes in *England*, he ſhall have ſhare in the two Crownes on the Frontiſpiece of *Aulicus* his *Paſquill*, to beare his charges till he comes to his old Lodging in the *Queenes Armes* at *Paris*. To the Lo: *Digby* (a bird of the ſame feather) all the ſeditious ſcandalous matter that ever *Aulicus* head-piece hammer'd in the Anvill of his owne Coxcombe; that he, being a great Souldier, may act what the others little Head hath invented: To the valiant *Welch*, and oppreſſed *Corniſh* ſouldiers, all the annuall profits which can be made of his eſtate and Libraric, ſhall be equally ſhared among them, to the end they may have ſome ſatisfaction, for that *Aulicus* hath not (according to his wonted courſe) in his ſpurious Libels made their names infamous (famous I would have ſaid) for the glorious and moſt renowned Victorie lately obtained againſt Colonel *Browne* at *Abbington*: For which negligence, the *Corniſh* women have Articled againſt him, and reckoned up all his old Scores, arraigning him publiquely at their Tribunall at *Brazen-Noſe*, *alias* Brazen-fac't Hall in *Oxford*. And truly, I cannot much blame the poore women for ſo doing, they having beene much abuſed in this buſineſſe. For firſt, their Husbands are drawne from them by faire pretences and ſugred words, that they ſhall goe no further then their owne Countrey, and yet have beene drilled to all the places before mentioned: and as for thoſe great Victories they have gained neere their owne Countrey, eſpecially that which our demy-God *Greenvile* obtained the other day againſt *Plymouth*, and yet never a day of Triumph for it, nor ever ſet forth by *Aulicus*, to their never-dying honour, and the comfort of their Wives and Children: wherefore they will no longer be thus fool'd (as they have beene) but make *Aulicus* exemplarie by

bringing him to ſuch condigne punithment, as by the definitive ſentence and verdict of thirteen Women ſhall be thought fit, ſeven of which ſhall be *Corniſh* women, and the other ſix ſhall come from over the Mountaines in *Wales*, whoſe 13. husbands were reported by *Aulicus* (in his lying pamphlets) to be dead and alive 26 times during the ſiege of *Gloſter*, where we gained another world for almoſt 1000. of our men we brought thither, and many witneſſes are now come againſt him from ſeverall parts of this Kingdome, namly from *Cornwall*, *Somerſet*, and *Oxford*-ſhire. For that in *Cornwall* (tis true) we had an extraordinary Victory where we got Ordnance and ſome Ammunition. (*but it was by treachery*) which made *Aulicus* lie lowdly, for that he ſet forth it was gained with the loſſe of not above 100. men. Now here comes 200. women into the Court againſt him that loſt their Husbands in that fight, and demanded accompt of the overplus according to their reckoning.

Author. (But Courtious Reader) what great miſſe will there be of all the Widdowes and Batchelers that were loſt in the fight, (for doubtleſſe they were not all married men) for procreation of male Children, *to ſearue the King in this uncivill Civill warre againſt his beſt Subjects.*

Smith. in *Sumerſet*-ſheir and *Mendiſſe* we had agreat victory there in compelling Colonell *Cary* to march out of *Wels*, we did but retreat ſo faſt as we could run, Sir *William Waller* perſuing us nine mile in the reare, yet then *Aulicus* in his paſquill ſet forth that we had not loſt above 10. men, and now there is come above 60. Maides that loſt their beſt beloveds in that fight, and demanded accompt of their overplus as before mentioned.

In *Oxford-ſhire* we gained another great victory againſt

againſt Sir *William Waller* with the loſſe of not above ſix or ſeven men, and two horſes, as *Aulicus* ſet forth in his lying pamphlet at moſt, and hear's 12 of his own kindred and 20 others, who hearing of his arraignment having loſt in that fight their kindred and ſervants are all come to demand an accompt for the remainer being all generally reſolued to witneſſe againſt him, and make exemplary for his notorious abuſing of al their Sex, which have cauſed them thus to proceed in iudgement againſt him.

1 For that his lying Libels ſtuft with nothing but deceitfull glozings, have tended to nought elſe, but to animate and encourage their Husbands, and Friends to perſiſt in this unnaturall war; They have therefore ſentenced him as followeth.

1 To ſtand in the Pillory three Market dayes in *Oxford*.

2 To have a Writing over his head in great Characters, in theſe words, *Woe be unto you Oxonian Libellers* take warning by this Preſident here before you, who hath ſo long walked in Egyptian darkeneſſe, til at laſt hee is brought here to looſe his ears in this Wood of ſhame and reproach.

3 That hee ſhall beg forgiveneſſe (with all humility) for his ſo great and hainous offences againſt *Mercurius Britanicus*, & all others that have proſecuted againſt him.

4 That hee ſhall be utterly diſabled from writing in darkeneſſe, and publiſhing in the light any more Libellous books for one yeere, during which terme he is to be in cuſtody of thoſe thirteen Women, who are to inflict ſuch corporall puniſhment on him, as they in their womenly diſcretion ſhall thinke fit.

5 That before two moneths expiration he be cut of the ſimples, and his brains be taken out, waſht in white wine and put in againe.

6

6 That for every morning during the said time he have one messe of stewd broath made of the interlinings of fower Court Parazites, and the brains of 26. *Oxford* VVidgins boyled in the water of forgetfulneste.

7 That hee may never hereafter have so much as one graine of wit left him in his empty Hogshead (his brains being taken out and washt, as before is ordered) to scandalize those, whom, if he had any grace he is bound to honour.

Smith. Alas poore *Aulicus*, that ever any one man should so misdemean himselfe, as to come under the heavie censure of so many women; were it my case I would chuse rather to be hanged out of the way, then thus bee tormented at the discretion of women, they will plague him shrewdly.

Author. Reader it had been better for him to have followed his old trade to blow the Organ bellows of Christ Colledge) then thus aspyring to be a Court Pleaser, with pharisaicall stratagems, pleasing the itching ears of those who were instructed with great honors in the Court and field, so to come to great preferment; in stead of which he is come to publick shame and infamy, his study was to publish very dangerous, and pestilent doctrine; and to no other end, then to augment the misunderstanding between the King and his Parliament: when as it is the duty of every faithfull subject to labour to bring them rightly to understand each other, that so there might be an end of this unhappy divisions. Let *Aulicus* know that is not the last censure he must undergoe (perhaps not in this life) but I am sure there is a day wil come wherein he must tender a strict account for every life that hath been lost. By reason of that encouragement he has given in his seditious Libels for the furtherance of this unnatural war: there is no way for him to escape further censure, but by disclaiming all his former evil acts, & making publike recantation answerable to the hainousnes of his several, & unparaleld offences, wherein he hath notoriously abused both King & State, Prince & people, no good men have scaped the lashes of his scurrilous pen, especially for that insolent and audacious expression of his, which I feare ere long will procure him a shamefull, and sudden dispatch of a long errand to another world: Namely, that both the honourable Houses of Parliament were but a pretended Parliament: but now I hope by that time his 13. moneths dieting be expired, & his body brought down by his aforesaid physick, He will be glad to acknowledge them, what indeed they are, the true, lawfull, and absolute Parliament of this Kingdom: and it is my hearty prayers, that who ever are found guilty of such unheard of insolency, to spurn at the authority & power of this supreame and Highest Court, as He hath done, may have the same reward at last, which by the known Laws of this Land is appointed for such capitall offenders: who prefer their base and mercenary ends before the welfare of three Kingdoms.